MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

SIXTEENTH I EGISLATIVE DAY

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate met at 5:00 p.m., and was called to order by Mr. Speaker Wilder.

PRAYER

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Thomas L. McCracken of Central Christian Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a guest of Senator Trail.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Beavers led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Senators present were: Atchley, Beavers, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Utoxn, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Heron, Jackson, Ketron, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Person, Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Walker, Williams and Mr. Sneaker Wilder-a-33

MOTION

Senator Ramsey moved that the rules be suspended for the immediate introduction and consideration of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 139**, out of order, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 139 by Senator Ramsey.

Memorials. Professional Achievement -- Ralph Blizard, fiddler.

On motion of Senator Ramsey, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of

On motion, Senate Joint Resolution No. 139 was adopted by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Atchley, Beavers, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Dixon, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Heron, Jackson, Ketron, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Person, Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Walker, Williams and Mr. Speaker Wilder-32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

PRESENTATION

Senator Ramsey presented Senate Joint Resolution No. 139 to Ralph Blizard.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Speaker announced that the following bills were filed for introduction and passed first consideration:

Senate Bill No. 1988 by Senator Ramsey.

Kingsport — Subject to local approval, removes authority for board of mayor and aldermen to set salaries of city recorder, city attorney, and chief of police. Amends Chapter 76 of the Private Acts of 1917; as amended.

Senate Bill No. 1989 by Senator Clabough.

Blount County -- Subject to local approval, makes revisions concerning hotel/motel tax. Amends Chapter 102 of the Private Acts of 1979.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker announced the following resolutions were filed for introduction. Pursuant to Rule 21, the resolutions lie over.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 132 by Senator Cooper.

Memorials, Public Service -- Kayla McCullough, Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 133 by Senator Cooper. Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Susan Dyer, Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 134 by Senator Cooper.

Memorials. Retirement -- Frances Henry Hewitt.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 by Senator Cohen.

Memorials, Professional Achievement -- Education Lottery Task Force.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 136 by Senator Cohen.

Memorials, Recognition -- Brian Young.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 137 by Senator Jackson. Memorials, Recognition -- Woodrow Adair.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 138 by Senator Walker.

Memorials. Public Service -- Cassandra Cardoza. Spirit of Community Award.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 140 by Senator Trail.

Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Geneva Smith, 65th birthday.

RESOLUTIONS LYING OVER

House Joint Resolution No. 123 -- Memorials, Academic Achievement -- Steekee Elementary School, Blue Ribbon Nominee.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 123 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 124 -- Memorials, Professional Achievement -- Gary Merritts, Cheatham County School System Teacher of the Year.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 124 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 125 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Daniel Smith, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 125 to Committee on Calendar,

House Joint Resolution No. 126 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Robert Sands, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 126 to Committee on Calendar

House Joint Resolution No. 127 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Bradley Weber, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 127 to Committee on Calendar,

House Joint Resolution No. 128 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- William Philip Holloway, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 128 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 129 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Timothy Brodeur, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 129 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 130 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- James Burt, Eagle Scout

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 130 to Committee on Calendar

House Joint Resolution No. 131 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Benjamin Strickland. Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 131 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 132 - Memorials, Personal Achievement - Stephen Bobo, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 132 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 133 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- William Hoelscher, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 133 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 134 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Benjamin Speed, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 134 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 135 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- David Sands, Fagle Scout

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 135 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 136 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Russell Streif III, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 136 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 137 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Jarrod Handley, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 137 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 138 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Matthew Montgomery, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 138 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 139 - Memorials, Congratulations - Clayton McWhorter, Nashvillian of the Year.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 139 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 140 -- Memorials, Congratulations -- Kitty Moon Emery, Nashvillian of the Year.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 140 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 141 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Boone Lanchaster, Eagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 141 to Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 142 -- Memorials, Personal Achievement -- Jarid Morgan, Fagle Scout.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 142 to Committee on Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Objections having been raised, the following bill and resolution were placed at the heel of the calendar for Wednesday, March 12, 2003, pursuant to Rule 38: Senate Bill No. 708 and House Joint Resolution No. 120.

House Joint Resolution No. 115 -- Memorials, Death -- Dr. Samuel Boyd Smith.

House Joint Resolution No. 117 -- Memorials, Death -- Bill Kirk.

House Joint Resolution No. 118 -- Memorials. Retirement -- John Holsclaw.

House Joint Resolution No. 119 -- Memorials, Death -- Lemuel W. "Tige" Hooper.

House Joint Resolution No. 122 — Memorials, Personal Occasion — William Andrew Frazier and Barbara Sue Jackson, 25th wedding anniversary.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 104 - Naming and Designating - May 2003, "Motorcycle Awareness Month".

Senate Joint Resolution No. 128 -- Memorials, Recognition -- William E. Farmer.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 131 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Alzheimer's Association's Safe Return Program.

Senate Bill No. 53 - Financial Institutions, Dept. of - Requires Commissioner of Financial Institutions to report to Governor annually within 60 days after end of each calendar year; present law requires such reporting within 60 days after end of each fiscal year. Amends TCA Title 45, Chapter 1, Part 19.

Senate Bill No. 202 — Wildlife Resources Commission — Rewrites residency requirements and fee schedule for lifetime sportsman license. Amends TCA Section 70-2-201(g)(2) and (g)(3).

Senate Bill No. 383 — Business and Commerce — Clarifies that no provision of Electronic Transaction Act limits, modifies or supercedes federal E-Sign Act unless otherwise permitted. Amends TCA Title 47, Chapter 10.

Senate Bill No. 508 – Medical Occupations – Requires hearing aid to be marked with name of manufacturer, distributor, or model name or number, serial number, and year of manufacture. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 17.

Senate Bill No. 546 — Education — Revises Educational Records as Evidence Act to include postsecondary institutions and to comply with provisions of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 15.

Senate Bill No. 688 — Hospitals and Health Care Facilities — Requires reporting of medical instruments and other foreign objects left in patient after surgery as unusual events. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 11.

Senator Crowe moved that all Senate Resolutions and Senate Joint Resolutions be adopted; all House Joint Resolutions be concurred in; and all Senate Bills be passed on third and final consideration, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Senators voting aye were: Alchley, Beavers, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Cruthfield, Dison, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Happer, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Ketron, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Person, Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Walker, Williams and Mr. Speaker Wilder-33.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

LOCAL BILL CONSENT CALENDAR

Senate Bill No. 304 - Dresden - Subject to local approval, provides for selection of mayor pro tem in event both mayor and vice mayor absent or unable to perform duties. Amends Chapter 146 of the Private Acts of 1986.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 304 was made to conform with House Bill No. 271.

On motion, House Bill No. 271, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 304.

Senate Bill No. 6 -- Sharon -- Subject to local approval, allows recorder/treasurer and marshal to be county residents instead of town residents. Amends Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1901.

On motion. Senate Bill No. 6 was made to conform with House Bill No. 272

On motion, House Bill No. 272, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 6.

Senate Bill No. 562 — Harriman — Subject to local approval, revises powers and duties of city council; changes date on which interest on city tax debt begins to accrue; makes other various changes to city charter. Amends Chapter 165 of the Private Acts of 1917: as amended.

On motion. Senate Bill No. 562 was made to conform with House Bill No. 422.

On motion, House Bill No. 422, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 562.

Senate Bill No. 1186 - Maury County -- Subject to local approval, revises membership of budget committee from five members to not more than six members, with membership to be determined by resolution of county commission. Amends Chapter 233 of the Private Acts of 1963.

On motion. Senate Bill No. 1186 was made to conform with House Bill No. 1207.

On motion, House Bill No. 1207, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 1186.

Senator Crowe moved that all House Bills be passed on third and final consideration, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes								3
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Senators voting aye were: Atchley, Beavers, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Dixon, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Happer, Haynes, Henry, Heron, Jackson, Ketron, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Person, Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Walker, Williams and Mr. Speaker Wilder-32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

CALENDAR

Senator Walker moved that **Senate Bill No. 326** be placed at the heel of the calendar for today, which motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 476 – DUI/DWI Offenses – Authorizes judge to sentence first-time DUI offenders to remove litter from highways for 48 hours in lieu of 48 hours of incarceration. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4.

MR SPEAKER WILDER RELINQUISHES CHAIR

Mr. Speaker Wilder relinquished the Chair to Senator Kyle as Speaker pro tempore.

Senate Bill No. 476 passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Ayes .							18
None							13

Senators voting aye were: Bryson, Burks, Cooper, Crutchfield, Dixon, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haynes, Herron, Jackson, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, Miller, Trail, Walker and Williams--18.

Senators voting no were: Atchley, Beavers, Burchett, Clabough, Crowe, Ford, Henry, Ketron, McNally, Norris, Person, Ramsey and Southerland--13.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Bill No. 495 — Banks and Financial Institutions — Prohibits unauthorized use of financial institution logo or name; prevents false representations of financial institution's endorsement of products and services in advertising or solicitation; makes such acts Class B

misdemeanor and violation of Unfair Competition Act; makes such practice violations under general contractor and home improvement contractor law. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 45; Title 47; Title 56 and Title 62

Senator Cooper moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO 1

AMEND by deleting Section 8 in its entirety, and by renumbering subsequent sections accordingly.

On motion, the amendment was adopted.

Thereupon, Senate Bill No. 495, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Senators voling aye were. Atchley, Beavers, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Dison, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Keltron, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Person, Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Walker, Williams and Mr. Sneaker Wilfert-r. 33

A motion to reconsider was tabled

MOTION

Senator Atchley moved that the rules be suspended for the immediate consideration of **House Joint Resolution No. 146.** out of order, which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTION LYING OVER

House Joint Resolution No. 146 - Memorials, Professional Achievement - Jim Gray, Distinguished Artist Award.

On motion of Senator Atchley, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

On motion. House Joint Resolution No. 146 was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

RECESS

Senator Crutchfield moved that the Senate recess and repair to the House Chamber to meet the House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the message of the Governor, and further moved that at the conclusion of the Joint Convention that the Senate adjourn until 3:30 pm., Wednesday, March 12; 2003, which motion prevailed.

IN JOINT CONVENTION MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. President Wilder called the Joint Convention to order pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 83**.

ROLL CALL

- Mr. President Wilder declared a quorum was present.
- On motion of Senator Crutchfield, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.
- On motion of Representative McMillan, the roll call of the House was dispensed with.
- Mr. Russell Humphrey, Chief Clerk of the Senate, read House Joint Resolution No. 83, authorizing the Joint Convention to hear the Message of Governor Phil Bredesen.

MOTION

Representative McMillan moved that Mr. President Wilder appoint a committee composed of six members from the Senate and six members from the House of Representatives to notify the Governor that the Joint Convention was in session and awaiting his arrival, which motion prevailed.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr. President Wilder appointed a committee composed of Senators Burks, Clabough, Dixon, Jackson, McNally and Person; and Representatives Lois DeBerry, Hargett, Harwell, McMillan, Rinks and Sargent. Senator Dixon served as Chairperson of this committee.

RECESS

On motion, the Joint Convention recessed pending the arrival of the Governor.

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. President Wilder called the Joint Convention to order
- Mr. President Wilder declared a quorum was present.
- On motion, the roll calls of the Senate and House of Representatives were dispensed with.

The Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor, appeared at the Bar of the House Chamber and was escorted to the Speaker's Podium.

- Mr. President Wilder relinquished the gavel to Mr. Speaker Naifeh, as President.
- $\mbox{Mr.}$ Speaker Naifeh presented the Honorable Phil Bredesen, who delivered the following address:

GOVERNOR PHIL BREDESEN BUDGET ADDRESS THE CAPITOL. MARCH 10, 2003

Governor Wilder, Speaker Naifeh, Members of the 103rd General Assembly, friends, guests and my fellow Tennesseans: I stand before you to fulfill my obligation as Governor to recommend to the General Assembly a budget prepared according to the provisions of our Constitution.

This evening, I'm submitting to you such a budget. It is a responsible, balanced budget. And it requires no new taxes.

I am delivering to you a complex document. But underneath it all, I am simply asking us to do the same thing that every family in our state has to do. That is: Figure out how much money we have coming in, and then plan to spend that much and no more. This is our family budget.

Just like many Tennessee families, we face painful choices. I am proposing cuts that no one likes—including me. But that is what families do: Face up to their situations, be realistic, pick the best course of action and move ahead.

It is important to keep this budget in perspective. We are in a wartime economy. And I am presenting our budget at a time when states across our nation are encountering the most difficult fiscal crisis since the Second World War.

What we are experiencing in Tennessee is not unique, by any means. In most places, across-the-board cuts are the rule, not the exception. Higher education is being hil virtually everywhere. Already this year, 18 states have reduced or are planning to reduce aid to local governments. Next year, more will do it—including Tennessee.

The situation is so difficult that even K-12 education is being targeted in some places. In the current fiscal year, nine states including our neighbor, Georgia, are planning to cut K-12 spending. More will do so in the upcoming fiscal year. In seven states, some rural school districts are shifting to a four-day week.

In this budget, however, I am proud to say that Tennessee is protecting its public schools.

Our Basic Education Program is being fully funded, including the increases called for next year under the funding formula. In addition, we are making a \$27 million downpayment to help small, mostly rural school districts address issues related to equily in teacher pay.

This downpayment will mean pay raises for roughly 17,000 of our lowest-paid teachers in 75 school districts across the state. I am proud to recognize two of them who are here with us tonight in the Gallery.

Donna Jerden teaches at Central High School in Morgan County and Sheila Teasley teaches at Sycamore High School in Cheatham County. These are both school systems that will benefit from better teacher pay. These are educators who are on the front lines. Thank you and your thousands of colleagues who recommit yourselves every day to teaching the children of Tennessee, Please recognize them.

In the years ahead, we are going to do much more for public education. Moving forward, we are undertaking a comprehensive review of our formula for funding basic education. Next year, I will

propose a long-term strategy for improving teacher pay. For now, in this difficult year, we should be pleased that we are making modest progress and not losing ground.

Now, let me describe to you how we prepared next year's budget. We approached it much like a family approaches a household budget. First, we looked at what we are spending this year. Then, we added to that a very few items that we felt were absolutely necessary.

These items include honestly recognizing rising costs in TennCare. They include the education funding that I described, and vital dollars for our Homeland Security initiatives. They also include increases in the cost of health benefits for our state employees, as well as the cost of pay raises that were awarded last vaer but only partially funded.

In all, these items added up to \$629 million-more than half of which will go to TennCare.

Next, we arrived at a realistic estimate of what our tax collections will be, and found that we needed to identify about \$355 million in cuts in order to balance our budget.

As we looked for cuts, we applied three basic principles. Number One: We had to be fair to everyone, and ask everyone to share the pair, no ascred cows. Number Two: The reductions had to be reat; they could not be made using one-time money. Number Three: We would make cuts openly and let the public see the process, even though we knew it would be messy. And it was.

At the core of this process was a request for everyone in our government family to step up and do their part by cutting 9% across the board.

Our state agencies and departments are cutting 9%. The highway fund is cutting 9%. Higher education is cutting 9%. We are asking local governments to accept a 9% reduction in tax revenues that we share with them. We are cutting grants to a wide variety of organizations and projects by 9%. I am grateful that the legislature has volunteered to cut their budget by 9%. There are other cuts as well. The net effect of all this, I'm proud to say, is an actual decrease in state appropriations of \$132 million. This is only the third time that state appropriations have gone down in 30 years.

Now, I know that you'll hear a lot of special pleading in the weeks ahead. But it is important that we plan conservatively for the upcoming year.

While we hope for good economic news, this is an uncertain time. We still face a deficit in the current fiscal year of a half-billion dollars. To get through it, we are going to have to use up our reserves, including the rainy day fund. It is vitall that we not overspend our budget next year. And it is important that we do better than our budget so that we can begin the process of building our reserves heak th a safe level.

Now, let me assure you the process of setting priorities and running state government more efficiently is not in any way completed with this budget. It is just beginning.

In the coming months, we will take a comprehensive look at each department's mission and where it spends money. This is essential if we are going to change the way state government works, but it simply wasn't possible to do responsibly in the scant few weeks that we had to prepare a budget.

In particular, you will be hearing a lot more from me about TennCare in the next few months. In the short term, we are going to have to substantially reduce benefits before the end of the current

fiscal year. This will include placing reasonable limits on the use of costly prescription drugs—one of the biggest reasons for our TennCare overruns.

And by this summer, we will begin making fundamental changes in the structure of TemCare. This program is innovative and it is helping hundreds of thousands of Temesseans. It is also deeply troubled and it is one of the most significant sources of our fiscal woes. Its problems are structural not superficial. It requires major surgery not Band-Aids.

There is still a lot of work to do on a detailed and comprehensive plan. And we will communicate with you about it shortly.

My grandmother used to tell me that if I watched the pennies, the dollars would take care of themselves. That advice has served my family and me well over the years. I intend to bring that same discipline to TennCare and the rest of state government.

Let me take a moment to say that, without a doubt, the hardest part of this budget for me is the fact we will have to lay off employees. I grew up in a family where my mother had a steady job in a small local bank, and my life would be different without the stability that job provided our family.

It is a personal pain for me to see anyone lose their job, and it is painful to watch that happen in state government. But I have tried my best to hold job losses to a minimum. And I have asked our departments to make sure these transitions occur as smoothly as possible for the employees who are affected. I ran for this office promising to captain the ship, and this part of the job is among the most unpleasant.

Ultimately, some of what affects us is national and international in scope. The business cycle, terrorism, the likely war in Iraq.

Nothing brings that home more clearly than the fact that, as we convene here tonight, more than 3,000 members of the Tennessee National Guard have been called up to protect America.

Last week, I visited with some of them as they were preparing to leave. One of those guardsmen, Doug Warren, a navigator in the 118th Airlift Wing, could not be here tonight because he is in another part of the world serving and defending our nation. But I asked his wife, Jennifer, and their children, to join us in the Gallery, Jennifer, we appreciate your family's sacrifice. And we pray that Doug-and all of our trave servicemen and women-come back to us quickly and safety.

While outside factors affect our situation, much of our destiny is still very much in our own hands. In this time of fiscal challenge, I want us to keep our eyes outward and to stay firmly focused on growing our economy.

We need to create the high-quality jobs that we are capable of achieving in our state. We need to girt het talk right about our state. We need to find new and innovative ways to recruit business and investment. We need to find new and innovative ways to help the businesses already here to remain here, and to prosper and grow.

I learned in my career that it's a lot easier to keep a customer you already have than it is to recruit a new one. Just this past week, we created a Jobs Cabinet to bring together in one room the people who have the experience and control the resources that it will take to be effective.

The wealth of our state is not in the State Capitol. It is in the many businesses that employ our citizens and pay taxes. It is in the hardworking Tennesseans who have good-paying jobs with good futures.

If we grow their number, and if they prosper, we will have the resources it takes to educate and protect, and to help those who are less fortunate. If they don't prosper, no amount of new taxes or trips to Washington will protect us from being left behind.

Members of the General Assembly, I believe the family budget that I am presenting to you here tonight is the first step in what I know will be a long, successful partnership between us. Upon due consideration, I hope that you will agree with the steps that we have proposed and approve this budget.

I am looking forward to working with all of you—and the people of Tennessee—to make our great state even greater in the years to come. Thank you and good night.

DISSOLUTION OF JOINT CONVENTION

Mr. President Naifeh declared that the purpose for which this Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, the Joint Convention stood dissolved.

MOTION

On motion of Senators Person and Southerland, their names were added as sponsors of House Joint Resolution No. 119

On motion, all Senators' names were added as sponsors of Senate Joint Resolution No. 139

On motion, all Senators' names were added as sponsors of House Joint Resolution No. 146

On motion of Senator Cooper, his name was added as sponsor of House Joint Resolution No. 120; and Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 128 and 131.

On motion of Senator Henry, his name was added as sponsor of **House Joint Resolution** No. 115

On motion of Senators Graves, Trail and Dixon, their names were added as sponsors of Senate Joint Resolution No. 128.

On motion of Senator Williams, his name was added as sponsor of House Joint Resolutions Nos. 119 and 120; and Senate Joint Resolution No. 104.

On motion of Senator Harper, her name was added as sponsor of Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 128 and 131.

RECALL OF BILL

On motion of Senator Cooper, **Senate Bill No. 1741** was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary.

WITHDRAWAL OF BILL

On motion of Senator Cooper, Senate Bill No. 1741 was withdrawn from the Senate.

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined Senate Bills Nos. 53, 202, 383, 508, 546 and 688; and Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 104, 128 and 131; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

PATRICK W. MERKEL, Chief Engrossing Clerk.

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined Senate Joint Resolution No. 139, and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

> PATRICK W. MERKEL, Chief Engrossing Clerk.

ENGROSSED BILLS March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined Senate Bills Nos. 476 and 495, and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

> PATRICK W. MERKEL, Chief Engrossing Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 146, adopted, for the Senate's action.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 143, 144 and 145; adopted, for the Senate's action.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bills Nos. 570, 571, 1248, 1798, 2065 and 2067; passed by the House.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bill No. 297, passed by the House.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 10, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolution No. 129, concurred in by the House.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS March 11, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared Senate Joint Resolution No. 129, and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

> PATRICK W. MERKEL, Chief Engrossing Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 6, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bills Nos. 423, 458, 460, 463, 464, 471, 473, 489 and 528; for the signature of the Speaker.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 11, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 115, 117, 118, 119, 122 and 146; for the signature of the Speaker.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk.

SIGNED

March 10, 2003

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Bills Nos. 423, 458, 460, 463, 464, 471, 473, 489 and 528.

SIGNED

March 11, 2003

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: Senate Joint Resolution No. 129.

SIGNED

March 11, 2003

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 115, 117, 118, 119, 122 and 146.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 11, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolution No. 129, signed by the Speaker.

BURNEY T. DURHAM, Chief Clerk.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGROSSING CLERK

March 11, 2003

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: Senate Joint Resolution No. 129, for his action.

PATRICK W. MERKEL, Chief Engrossing Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR CONSENT CALENDAR

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Wednesday, March 12, 2003: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142.

This the 10th day of March, 2003. CROWE, Chairperson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Wednesday, March 12, 2003: Senate Bills Nos. 47, 374, 479, 764 and 1067.

> This the 10th day of March, 2003. CROWE, Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Senator Crutchfield's motion, the Senate adjourned until 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2003.